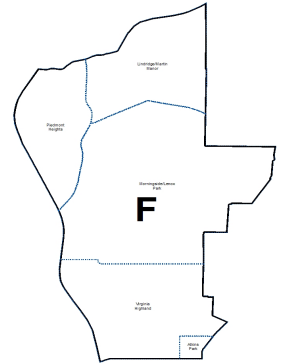


MEETING NOTICE: NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT - F

WHEN: Monday, August 18, 2008
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: Hillside Facility
1301 Monroe Dr, N.E.
SPONSORS: NPU-F and the Bureau of Planning

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and introduction of guests

2. Announcements

75/85 Connector Labor Day Weekend – I-85 south reduced to 2 lanes and I-75 south reduced to 1 lane.

Beltline Environmental Impact Study (“EIS”) is underway. Study needed for federal and state funding for the transportation portion of the project. Seeking public input on scope of the project. NE meeting is 8/19 at the Trolley Barn.

Connect Atlanta meeting to develop comprehensive transportation plan: East region (includes NPUF) is 9/16 at the Trolley Barn, 6-8p.m.

3. Reports by City Representatives (Fire, Police, Council Members, etc.)

- Atlanta Fire Department – Station 19 North Highland Station 29

Captain Kelly: Budget cuts have had a significant impact: lost entire recruit class, lost Station 7, lost squad 4, which does all of heavy rescue, hazardous materials, etc. City Council is trying to find funds to reopen Station 7 – Mayor Franklin said she would veto.

Activity in NPU-F: Recent fire at an apartment complex.

9/13/08 – Walk for Fire Up Scholarships for Washington and Grady HS.

Tee shirts still available. Funds will be used to repair windows at station.

Fire Marshall has been monitoring the Amsterdam Mall issues.

- Zone 6 Police –Major Propes, Sgt Gorley, Lt. Trudy Boyce

Report by Lt. Boyce. Introduced Lt Ben Jones – Evening Lt. Has been working with internal affairs “policing the police” in the past.

Burglaries from homes and residences have increased. Zone 5 captured some burglars. Had stolen items from apt building and church. Caught at Ponce de Leon Hotel. Co-criminal also caught with stolen vehicles.

Police have a lead on burglary on Armond – Clayton County arrested suspect.

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Vice unit made several arrests at 1907 and 1916 Piedmont.

APD have made many arrests related to burglaries and larcenies but having trouble keeping suspects in jail. Burglar caught on Pylant recently was on active probation. DA's office declined to prosecute. Mr. Atkinson said there wasn't enough to prosecute but DA's office never talked to the arresting office.

Request from Lt. Boyce: put pressure on DA to prosecute repeat property offenders. Suspect with 24 prior arrests was recently arrested but released. Please support crime watch.

COMMENT: Failure to prosecute is a problem with the particular prosecutor. NPU should send letters to prosecutor complaining about failure to prosecute. Need to set up a meeting with Mr. Atkinson.

Many officers have been injured and are recovering. Many officers have returned very quickly

Amsterdam Walk – has been patrolled by APD. APD was there last weekend. Fire Dept has been out as well.

- Bureau of Public Works, Solid Waste Services – John Busby

City accepts plastics 1 – 7 for recycling.

COMMENT: Problems with recycling not being picked up same day as trash and yard waste. Mr. Busby indicated that the crews are short-staffed and are doing their best to pick up everything the same day.

Replacement trash can from the City will take 6 to 8 weeks.

Crew is supposed to pick up bags on the street. They don't pick up yellow bags – they are handled by homeless crew initiative. There is a crew to remove waste from telephone poles.

The City is working on providing larger containers for recycling. Residents can provide their own containers – must be marked clearly as recycling.

- Department of Watershed Management – Diane Badger
Report by Ken Gillette (substituting for Diane Badger)

Looking at repairs to Sunken Garden Park. Looking for better solution than the Morningside Preservation Area. Will make extensive repairs in Sunken Garden and have put in new sod.

Damage near Clear Creek. Contractor was pumping slurry into a sewer line. Line had very little slope – slurry solidified and obstructed the line. The only way to repair is to cut a trench along Clear Creek and replace the entire pipe. Trench will be 20 feet wide – will result in loss of 900" of trees. Expedited process – will begin 15 days after comprehensive tree replacement plan. Contractor will have to pay for the replacement process.

COMMENT: How did this happen? How will the contractor be reprimanded? Working with arborist and Piedmont Park Conservancy to determine location of trees.

COMMENT: Should not plant mature trees on top of sewer lines. Need an artful restoration to correct this problem.

- Atlanta City Council – Anne Fauver, District 6

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- H. Lamar Willis assistant Will Sellars

No report. Councilman Willis enjoyed neighborhood watch event. the 404-330-6041.

- Mary Norwood assistant Georgia Robert

Did not attend meeting

- Fulton County Commission -- Nancy Boxill, District 6
Assistant Richard Milliones (Mi Lions)

Did not attend meeting

4. Planner's Report – 2009 Bylaws

Planners are coming to meetings again.

EIS study – Dept of Urban Design is working with the EIS project. Historic Preservation will be reflected in EIS plan.

After the last round of budget cuts, several people left Bureau of Planning. Vacant positions remain to be filled.

2009 Bylaws must be approved the end of September. Need a Thursday evening meeting to go over bylaws. PH has a proposed addition to the bylaws. Will be presented to NPU for inclusion.

5. Committee Reports

- Lindridge-Martin Manor Neighborhood Association – Jane Rawlings, President, Richard Sussman, Representative – Marty Reynolds , Representative –

Undergoing the Blueprints process. First meeting is this Saturday at 2:00. Like to thank the contractor that did sewer work on Armond – did a very good job and responded immediately to problems that arose.

- Morningside-Lenox Park Association –Tad Christian, President, Charlie Nalbhone, neighborhood rep

No Report

- Piedmont Heights Civic Association – Baron Jordan, President – Jean Johnson, Marty Kleinman, Representatives –

Armour Yard portion in NPU-F was designated to be part of Piedmont Heights. Councilman Shook opposed the plan. Proposal is to designate the area as an area of interest rather than a part of the neighborhood. Would give PH the right to comment on variance applications.

- Virginia-Highland Business Association (VHBA) –Mike Zimmerman, President, Lynn DeWitt and David Burleson reps

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No Report

- Virginia-Highland Civic Association (VHCA) –Pamela Papner, President, Rob Glancy, Representative.

VaHi has written a letter to oppose the firing of City Arborist Tom Coffin. City Council is proposing a resolution for an audit/investigation into the firing of the City Arborist and impact on enforcement of tree enforcement given that other arborists are not enforcing. Charlotte and other NPU-F members spoke at City Council meeting.

- Traffic and Transportation Committee – Jane Rawlings

Did not attend meeting

- Public Safety Committee – John Wolfinger

Successful National Night Out Event near John Howell Park.

11/8: Major project to remove kudzu along the Beltline. Will be followed by organized maintenance effort. Sponsored by PATH Foundation, Trees Atlanta, Beltline organizations, etc.

- Parks and Recreation Committee – Rob Glancy

No Report

- Trees Committee – Charlotte Gillis

Morningside Nature Preserve – work on second leg of trail starting this week.

- Environment Committee – Jack White

No Report

- APAB - Cary Aiken, Gerry Neumark Alt.

Sidewalk Café Ordinance is being developed: City wants to facilitate and control sidewalk cafés. Currently, cafes cannot operate on City right of way. This will be amended to allow more cafes in some areas even if it will result in less than 6' right of way.

9/16: CONNECT Atlanta meeting.

- NE Beltline Study Group Rep. - Baron Jordan

Quarterly Briefing between NPU and ABI. Focused on how master planning process will be codified by the city. Unclear how differences between sub-unit planning and NPU will be resolved. COMMENT: NPU chair requested that NPU land use be the starting point.

The starting point for the master plan is existing land use and zoning. NPUs should play a strong role in study group meetings. There will be quarterly updates to NPU.

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Armour Circle location – One Beltline goal is to promote jobs. City said that industrial areas should remain industrial.

Wayne Mason Property - - Mason has been paid \$23 million by Atlanta Beltline joint venture. Price was \$66 million. ABI got bridge loan from Mason. Loan must be paid by October 31st. Property will go into foreclosure if loan is not paid. City Council is deciding if first bond issuance will be used to payoff the bridge loan.

6. Old Business

- Piedmont Tennis Association Update – Rod Chatham

Save Intown Recreation Ad Hoc Group – yahoo group for submission of input/ideas

Tennis Center at Piedmont Park will be closed on Fridays due to budget crunch. Parks & Recreation has proposed a 67% increase in fees for tennis centers. Surface lot near Tennis Center will close. Tennis users will have to use Piedmont Park lot. This means services will decrease but cost will increase. Request for people to send suggestions to yahoo group and send letters of support.

Tech High School – will study tennis center and look for ways to reduce operating costs through alternative energy, etc. High school tennis team uses the center. Want to find solutions through engineering to the problems caused by budget cuts.

7. New Business

Atlanta Citizen Review Board – oversight of police issues. NPU A – F is Joy Morrissey, a resident of NPU-F. Has spent over 1500 hours on the review board. Has chaired the personnel committee. 170+ applicants for Executive Director of Citizen Review Board. **Cristina Beamud** has been hired as the Executive Director. Mayor's office has provided a support person for the board. Unclear when they will start hearing cases.

COMMENT: Ethics Office budget was cut to fund Board budget.

8. Presentation(s)

9. Liquor License Review

Applicant	Type of Business	Name of Business	Address	Request
Mohammad S. Hossain	Conv. Store	Monroe Dr. Chevron	2195 Monroe Dr.	Change of Ownership
Kiley Bryant Cox	Conv. Store	AEC # 106	2320 Cheshire Br. Rd	Change of Ownership

Update on Amsterdam Walk: business owners from Amsterdam Walk business got several commitments for progress from Loca Luna. APD and Fire Dept have been to the parking lot last two weekends. There has been "chaos" in the parking lot the last few weeks. Need an off duty officer to patrol Amsterdam/Monroe light at 2:00 am when Loca Luna closes.

Mohammad S. Hossain: Met with Piedmont Heights. PH looks favorably on application.
NPU-F Action: Motion to Recommend Favorably passed on voice vote by NPU-F.

Cox: NPU-F Action: Motion to Recommend Favorably passed on voice vote._

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9. Zoning Matters:

Board of Zoning Adjustment August 22, 2008 **1:00 P.M.**

V-08-151 **1364 Northview Avenue**

Applicant, Lucy Ward, seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce 7 ft. side yard setback to 1.5 ft. on the left southeast side of the lot boundary, and to allow for a second story on existing house and new 7 ft. addition to rear.

MLPA Action: Approved

NPU Action: Motion to Approve conditioned on site plan 6/16/08 PASSED on voice vote.

V-08-153 **1125 Lanier Blvd.**

Applicant, Lucy Ward, seeks a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the side yard setback 17.5ft required to 14.7 ft. to allow for a second story addition on the existing single family house.

VAHI Action: Approved unanimously, site plan stamped June 16, 2008

NPU Action: Motion to Approve conditioned on site plan 6/16/08 PASSED on voice vote

V-08-159 **744 Sherwood Road**

Applicant, Brad Renken, seeks a special exception from zoning regulations to allow for active recreation (swimming pool) adjacent to a public street, where otherwise it is prohibited.

MLPA Action: Approved

NPU Action: Motion to Approve conditioned on site plan 6/18/08 PASSED on voice vote

Board of Zoning Adjustment September 5, 2008 **1:00 P.M.**

V-08-165 **660 Elmwood Dr., NE**

Applicant, Benjamin Anderson, seeks a variance from zoning regulations to 1) reduce the required front yard setback from 35ft to 29ft 2) to reduce the required east side yard setback from 7ft to 3ft to allow for a second story addition to an existing single family dwelling.

VAHI Action: Has not heard matter

NPU Action: Chair noted that BZA date is actually Sept 19th. Motion to Defer to allow applicant to go to neighborhood PASSED on voice vote.

V-08-171 **1058 Lanier Blvd., NE**

Applicant, Mark D. & Mary Stouffer, seeks a variance from zoning regulations to reduce the side yard setback from 7ft (required) to 3ft and the rear yard setback from 15ft required to 3ft to allow for a detached garage addition.

VAHI Action: Deferred

NPU Action: Motion to Defer PASSED on voice vote.

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V-08-172 **873 Amsterdam Ave.**

Applicant, David Ogram, seeks a variance from zoning regulations to reduce the west side yard setback from 7ft. (required) to 3ft. to allow for the construction of a new single-family house.

VAHI Action: Deferred

NPU Action: Motion to Defer PASSED on voice vote.

Immediate neighbor is concerned about impact on trees. Invited to attend neighborhood meeting on the application and next NPU meeting when matter will be heard. .

V-08-173 **1285 North Morningside Dr.**

Applicant, R. Garrett Christopher, seeks a variance from zoning regulations to reduce the rear yard setback from 15ft. (required) to 1.1ft. to allow for a two story addition to an existing detached garage. Applicant also seeks a variance to allow for the accessory structure to exceed 30% of the floor area of the main structure.

MLPA Action: Applicant has requested deferral until Nov.

NPU Action: Motion to Defer to September PASSED on voice vote.

10. Special Events and Outdoor Festivals

- Out of the Darkness Community Walk Atl
- 2008 Atlanta Dog Jog

10/4 Sat 9:00 am 1 – 2 mile race in Piedmont Park. 22nd year of the event. 1500 maximum.
Motion to Approve PASSED on voice vote.

11. Public review and comments:

12. Adjournment

Atlanta Beltline

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